



## AMERICA and the War on Terrorism

In February the Army, Navy and Marine Corps each announced increases in the numbers of Reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Air Force announced a decrease. At press time 80,002 Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers were on active duty in support of the mobilization. The number of reserve-component personnel from all services was 111,603, including units and individual augmentees.

Members of the 731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company from Ohio destroyed nearly 7,500 pounds of ordnance at two sites a few miles outside the main gate of Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan, in January. Army officials said the ordnance was destroyed to ensure the safety of American troops in the area. EOD soldiers also help train military members and civilians to recognize the types of ordnance found in the area, and educate them on the dangers of tampering the items.

Detainees being held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, are providing U.S. military officials with intelligence of "enormous value," said MG Geoffrey D. Miller, commander of Joint Task Force Guantanamo. At press time roughly 625 detainees were being held at the JTF-GTMO detention facility. Enemy combatants who can contribute to America's ongoing fight against terrorism are being detained, while those who no longer pose a threat are beginning to be released, Miller said.

The U.S. focus in Afghanistan is shifting to reconstruction and long-term stability, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz said during a January visit to the region. The United States wants to keep working with Afghanistan to promote long-term stability by helping to provide security and economic reconstruction. Wolfowitz said the work will include stepping up the pace in building a national army, assisting with humanitarian projects to restore public services and sending provincial reconstruction teams to outlying areas to evaluate what help is needed.



Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division's 504th Inf. Regt. and 307th Engr. Bn. carry explosives toward an Afghan cave complex slated for demolition.



Other troops from the 504th Inf. provide security for unit soldiers searching the Afghan city of Naray for enemy fighters during Operation Devil Shock.



1LT James Bourie provides overwatch as two soldiers from the 2nd Bn., 504th Inf., prepare to enter a cave during Operation Mongoose.



Staff Sgt. Cherie A. Thurlby, USAF

**A military police soldier provides perimeter security during a medical civic action team's visit to the Afghan village of Aroki.**

**Two members of the 504th Inf. make their way down a steep defile in the Adi Ghar mountains during Operation Mon-goose.**



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**Explosives planted by members of the 307th Engr. Bn. demolish a cave used as a hideout by suspected Taliban members.**

**M-203 gunner PFC Chris Peterson of the 2nd Bn., 504th Inf., fires a grenade at another cave thought to shelter Taliban fighters.**



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Staff Sgt. Jocelyn M. Broussard, USAF



**SPC Lisa Michaels, a medical lab technician with the 226th Medical Battalion in Miesau, Germany, starts an IV during a blood drive at Ramstein Air Base.**

## Arlington, Va.

### Blood Program Seeks Donors

THE Armed Forces Blood Program is seeking donors to help increase its blood supplies. Having sufficient blood supplies ready to use is crucial to military readiness as the United States prepares for possible war with Iraq, said COL Michael Fitzpatrick, who oversees the Department of Defense blood collection and distribution system.

While the Department of Defense has a sufficient supply of blood products to meet current needs, the shipment of blood overseas to support contingency operations has meant less blood on the shelf, he said.

Although the military is asking for more donors, Fitzpatrick said prospective

donors need not rush to give blood at once. Fresh blood, which is the preferred product for transfusions and other medical needs, has a shelf life of only 42 days, he said.

"When your local donor center asks you or your unit to donate, that's when we need military personnel and their families to respond," he said. "Scheduling donations allows us to keep a steady supply of blood flowing to our deployed units and to our medical-treatment facilities." — *American Forces Information Service*

## Aberdeen Proving Gmd., Md.

### Web Site Supports Army Well-Being

A NEW, comprehensive health and fitness Web site — **[www.hooah4health.com](http://www.hooah4health.com)** — is geared to helping the Army family be healthier.

HOOAH 4 HEALTH is a self-help, Web-based, interactive health-promotion program that helps integrate the Army's well-being mission. H4H embraces the holistic concept of body, mind, spirit and environment, and is supported by such Army sponsors as the Office of the Surgeon General,

the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.

Once soldiers log on, they can access dozens of military and other government healthcare pages for health maintenance and preventive medicine educational material.

Interactive health-calculation tools have been developed to assist soldiers in deriving Army Physical Fitness Test scores, finding target heart rates and computing body-mass index.

For those being deployed, the site also offers an environmental module to assist with information on any geographic region in the world. As an added bonus, family members can also access such information as links to family readiness and support resources, including TRICARE. — *COL Christine H. Inouye, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion Public Affairs Office*

## Fort Bliss, Texas

### New NCO Reference Guide

A NEW pocket-sized reference manual for NCOs —



Field Manual 7-22.7, "The Army Noncommissioned Officer Guide" — is now available electronically. This new five-chapter reference manual provides NCOs a guide for leading, supervising and caring for soldiers.

Top Army NCOs provided suggestions and guidance during the manual's development, so leaders could easily use it in a variety of situations.

The U.S. Army Publishing Agency has established an electronic version at the GEN Dennis J. Reimer Training and Doctrine Digital Library, [www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/7-22.7/fm7-22.7.htm](http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/7-22.7/fm7-22.7.htm). NCOs can link to the Reimer Library through Army Knowledge Online, [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil), or through the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy home page, <http://usasma.bliss.army.mil/dotd/ncoguide.htm>. — SSG Dave Enders, USASMA PAO

## Arlington, Va.

### DODEA Gets Special-Ed Funds

THE Department of Defense Education Activity will receive an additional \$56.6 million to improve its special-education programs.

The money was awarded after DODEA cited a need for additional staffing, training and equipment for special-education students.

Elizabeth Middlemiss, the activity's associate director and principal deputy for education, said money also would be used to help make parents more aware of the various programs available to special-education students, who make up about 10 percent of the population of DODEA's 220 schools worldwide. — AFIS

## Washington

### IMA Gets New Insignia

MILITARY members of the Installation Management Agency, which was activated in October 2002, now have their own distinctive unit and should-sleeve insignia. The new crest and patch were authorized for wear in March.

Soldiers assigned to units that wear the maroon beret with flash and background trim will continue to wear those items along with the IMA insignia. Units authorized their own distinctive unit insignia crest, such as area support groups in U.S. Army, Europe, will continue to wear their crests with the IMA shoulder patch.

Additional information regarding wear and appearance of Army insignia is available on the Army Uniform Web page at

[www.usapa.army.mil](http://www.usapa.army.mil).

For more information, contact U.S. Army Installation Management Agency CSM Debra L. Strickland at (703) 602-6257 or (DSN) 332-6257. — Donna Bernard, IMA PAO

## Washington

### Airlines Waive Ticket Fees

SOME U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members won't have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket-change fees for service members on military deployment orders. There are currently no charges for Southwest Airline flights. Continental, Frontier and Northwest Airlines waive

change fees and also will issue refunds on request, said Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

For information on these programs, visit

[www.dod.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html](http://www.dod.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html)



A number of other airlines will waive ticket-change penalties if service members present copies of their military orders or letters from their commanders, Ward said. But the waiver procedures vary by company, and not all airline personnel know the procedures. Ward suggests travelers call their airlines for waiver information before going to the airport. — AFIS



CPL Jeremy Colvin

**U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Dr. Robert P. Finn (left) joins Afghan officials in fielding media questions during the opening of the Civil-Military Operations Center—Provisional Reconstruction Team "Store Front" in Gardez. The facility was established so civilian organizations and the military can exchange information on the reconstruction of Gardez and surrounding communities.**